THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Government have not taken any final decisions in this regard.

Smuggling of pelts of Leopards, tigers and hyenas

130. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of pelts of leopards, tigers and hyenas are being smuggled out of India for sale in the International market;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposed to take in this regard;

(c) what is the estimate value of pelts seized during the last two years from passengers travelling abroad and what has been the total value of such seizures; and

(d) what is the number of persons prosecuted under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and other relevant statutes for smuggling of pelts to other countries during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Cases of attempted smuggling of pelts to other countries is dealt with under the Customs Act and not under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. Details about number of persons against whom action has been taken in the last two years by the Custom Authorities are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Consultancy charges and Intellectual fee for Designing Navodaya Vidalayas

131. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have disbursed several lakh of rupees among the staff of the CBRI as consultancy charges and intellectual fees for designing Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country; if so, whether the said work has been completed;

(b) what amount has been disbursed so far, the amount proposed to be disbursed and the number of designs received by Government so far;

(c) what is the justification in giving such consultancy charges and fees to the staff of the CBRI from the public funds;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in an SOS the CBRI's scientific worker's Association, Roorkee has requested Government to stop misappropriation of public funds by disbursal to the staff of the CBRI; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in accordance with rules & regulations, has paid honorarium to the staff, for the consultancy part of the project for designing the Navodaya Vidyalaya Complexes (NVCs). The work at CBCI for which the honorarium has been paid is completed.

(b) The honorarium paid so far for the consultancy work pertaining to NVCs is Rs. 7.1 lakh. It is proposed to pay honorarium of Rs. 8.4 lakh for the work completed in 1989. CBRI has furnished designs for around 170 NVCs upto December, 1989.

(c) Consultancy work is accepted by CSIR from Government, public and private sectors. Grant of honorarium to the staff is in accordance with existent rules. It is provided in recognition of their intellectual and physical inputs to the consultancy work..

(d) and (e) CSIR has received representations against the distribution of honorarium for the consultancy work carried out for NVC project from a purported CBRI Scientific Workers' Association. As the payment of honorarium for this consultancy work is in accordance with the prescribed and extant rules and regulations thereto, tde question of stopping it does not arise.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs, publishing the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Pradesh Council (Procedure and Conduct of Business and Consultation with Counsellors) Rules, 1989.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in Englisd and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Order No. ADM|LAW|553(2)|89 dated the 7th July, 1989, publishing the Dadra and Nagar Haveli Pradesh Council (Procedure and Conduct of Business and Consultation with Counsellors) Rules, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 21 of the Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Administration) Regulation, 1988. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-313/90).

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 661 dated the 9th September, 1989, publishing the Border Security Force (Ceremonials and Marks of Respect) Rules, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 141 of the Border Security Force Act, 1968. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-310/90).

(i) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 783 dated the 28th October, 1989, publishing the Commissions of Inquiry (Central Amendment Rules, 1989, under sub-section (3) of section 12 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952. (Placed in Library. See No. LT-311/90).

(ii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification S.O. No. 38(E) dated the 13th January, 1990, publishing the Presidential Order dated the 13th January, 1990 under Section 31 of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966, suspending the operation of certain provisions of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966, dissolving the Metropolitan Council of Delhi and removing Members of the Execu-